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FUNCTIONS OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959, Employment Exchanges functions under the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether these exchanges collect data on the number of workers employed in the establishments in their respective areas;

(c) if so, whether the coverage of establishments remains very poor and data fails to give actual data on the employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the functions of employment exchanges are proposed to be restructured; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

a)& b): The Employment Exchanges are functioning under the administrative and financial control of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations and one of the activities of the employment exchanges is to collect data on employment from establishments as per the provisions of Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959.

c)&d): As per the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959 all establishments in the public sector and such establishments in the private sector engaged in non-agricultural activities where ordinarily 25 or more persons are employed to work for remuneration are required to be covered. The number of establishments as on 31.3.2005 were 2.94 lakh on the employer's register of Employment Exchanges of which 1.72 lakh were in public sector and 1.22 were in private sector.

e)&f) : Working Group consisting of representatives of Central and State Governments review the functioning of Employment Exchanges in the country and take corrective measures as and when necessary.